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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP IN WHO

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SUMMARY: EMBASSY INFORMED FONOFF OF RECENT USG EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF ROK, NOTED CURRENT TREND OF UK THINKING, AND REITERATED IMPORTANCE WHICH USG PLACES ON GOJ CO- SPONSORSHIP OF KOREAN RESOLUTION. AT SAME TIME, FONOFF INDICATED GOJ HAS MADE DECISION AND HAS ASKED DCM TO COME IN APRIL 27 TO BE INFORMED. END SUMMARY.

1. WHILE EMBOFF WAS SEEKING APPOINTMENT AT FONOFF TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REF A, OFFICE OF UN AFFAIRS DIR GEN KAGEI CALLED DCM TO ASK THAT HE COME IN APRIL 27 INASMUCH AS GOJ HAD MADE DECISION (UNSPECIFIED) CONCERNING CO- SPONSORSHIP OF KOREAN RESOLUTION AT WHA. TO LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED, EMBOFF STILL CALLED ON UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES DIV
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HEAD TANIGUCHI TO PRESENT US POSITION SET FORTH REF A AND TO CONVEY OUR UNDERSTANDING OF UK POSITION AS DESCRIBED REFS B AND C, LATTER POINT HAVING BEEN SUBJECT OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO KAGEI (REF D). TANIGUCHI TOOK CAREFUL NOTES ON PRESENTATION BUT CONFIRMED THAT FONMIN OHIRA HAD SAME DAY DECIDED GOJ POSITION. TANIGUCHI WOULD NOT REVEAL DECISION IN ADVANCE OF KAGEI- DCM MEETING BUT HIS HINTS GAVE SOME CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM. AS FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS CONFIRM, HE INDICATED CONTINUING GOJ INTEREST IN QUESTION.

2. TANIGUCHI SAID ROK EMBASSY MINISTER KANG HAD CALLED ON KAGEI APRIL 24 TO MAKE THREE REQUESTS WITH RESPECT TO KOREAN QUESTION AT WHA: (A) THAT GOJ CO- SPONSOR RESOLUTION; (B) THAT GOJ SEEK SUPPORT OF FOLLOWING COUNTRIES WHERE ROK HAS NO RESIDENT MISSION : AFGHANISTAN, LAOS, CHANA, MADAGASCAR, SENEGAL AND SAUDI ARABIA; AND (C) THAT GOJ SEEK SUPPORT OF FOLLOWING COUNTRIES WHERE ROK HAS RESIDENT MISSION BUT NOT SUFFICIENTLY INFLUENTIAL WITH HOST GOVERNMENT: BURMA, INDIA, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, NEPAL, CAMEROON, ETHIOPIA, KENYA, RWANDA, UGANDA, UPPER VOLTA, KUWAIT, LEBANON, ZAIRE, MOROCCO, TUNISIA, PERU AND SRI LANKA.

3. WITH RESPECT TO KANG' S REQUESTS, TANIGUCHI NOTED WITH SOME SURPRISE THAT THIS WAS FIRST TIME ROK HAD ASKED GOJ TO CO- SPONSOR RESOLUTION RATHER THAN JUST SUPPORT IT. IN THIS CONNECTION HE NOTED REPORT FROM BANGKOK THAT ROK HAD ASKED RTG TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION BUT DID NOT MENTION CO- SPONSORING, THUS LEADING RRG TO CONCLUDE THAT ROK BELIEVES THERE IS NO NECESSITY TO GATHER SIZEABLE GROUP OF CO- SPONSORS, IN WHICH CASE THAILAND DOES NOT PLAN TO DO SO. TANIGUCHI DEPLORED THIS DEVELOPMENT SINCE, IN HIS VIEW, THAILAND AND PHILIPPINES WOULD BE MOST LIKELY CO- SPONSORS AMONT EAST ASIANS.

4. PERHAPS ADUMBRATING INFORMATION WHICH KAGEI PLANS O GIVE DCM, TANIGUCHI SAID FONOFF IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT LANGUAGE OF DRAFT RESOLUTION, WHICH HE UNDERSTANDS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN GENEVA AMONG INNER FOUR (KOREA, US, UK, JAPAN). IN SHORT, HE HOPES AGREED WORDING WILL BE QTE SUITABLE UNQTE, MEANING IT WILL NOT BE HIGH- HANDED OR PEREMPTORY IN TONE. HE ALSO MENTIONED IMPORTANCE OF SUCH TACTICAL AND PROCEDURAL ASPECTS AS SEPARTING AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN TIME
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